

Town of Locke, Commerical Building  
13931 River Road  
Locke  
Sacramento County  
California

HABS No. CA-2071 C

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

ADDENDUM  
FOLLOWS...

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20243

## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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TOWN OF LOCKE  
Commercial Building

Location: 13931 River Road, (County Road, E-13; 13932 Main Street, east side of River Road, west side of Main Street, fourth building south of Locke Road),  
Locke, Sacramento County, California.

USGS Courtland Quadrangle:  
UTM Coordinates: 10:630460:4234490

Present Owner: Lorraine Fong Building Owner  
721 Jefferson Avenue  
Livermore, CA. 94550

Asian City Development Company, Inc. Land Owner  
P.O. Box 987  
Walnut Grove, CA. 95690

Present Occupant: None.

Present Use: Vacant.

Significance: This is one of the group of buildings that forms the Main Street and River Road street facades. The buildings are separated by narrow alleyways, and have a second floor balcony on the Main Street facade.

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

## A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: This wooden structure, topped by a gabled corrugated sheet metal roof, is a harmonious part of the architectural context of the street.
2. Condition of fabric: Fair.

## B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: The rectangular, two-story building is approximately twenty-four feet across the three-bay west front by sixty feet deep.
2. Foundation: Wooden pier-and-beam construction with concrete footing along the perimeter.

3. Wall construction, finish and color: Wooden drop siding with corner boards, east and west facades painted white, north and south facades unpainted. A false front is on the west facade, with a faded sign "Wah Lee and Company, Groceries, Dry Goods", and Chinese characters painted on the front.
4. Structural system, framing: Wooden frame construction. Two diagonal wooden braces, from the building to the ground, serve as additional support to the north side of the building.
5. Porches, stoops and canopies: A covered concrete sidewalk fronts the east facade. The shed roof is covered with asphalt roll roofing, supported by four wooden posts, and has a wooden ceiling. A shed-roofed canopy also protects the wooden boardwalk on the west. The shed roof, with its asphalt covering, is supported by four wooden posts with a wooden railing extending between the posts, turning at the center bay and continuing along either side of the wooden bridge to the street. The railing is filled in with corrugated sheet metal.
6. Chimneys: Two clay flues project from the north facade near the western edge just below the second floor level, extending up the face of the wall.
7. Openings:
  - a. Doorways and doors: A double doorway is built into each corner of the east facade, separated by a display window. The wooden panel doors have a two-light glass panel on the top half, and is topped by a two-light transom. A doorway in the center of the second floor's east facade has three horizontal panels below a glass panel. The recessed entrance on the west facade has paneled double doors, and is topped by a two-light transom with Chinese characters painted on each light.
  - b. Windows and shutters: The large display window on the first floor of the east facade has six fixed lights, and is framed by plainly molded wooden surround and sill. The display windows flanking the west facade's recessed entrance have fixed two-over-two lights. Three horizontal iron bars cross the display windows' north half and a sheet of plywood covers the lower sash on the south half. Each of the splayed walls of the recessed entrance have a side-light with a molded wooden panel below.

All remaining windows on both floors are one-over-one light, double-hung sash, with wooden surrounds and sills. Some have vertical iron bars on the inside of the frame. A wooden louver window is in the east gable end.

8. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Gable roof covered with corrugated sheet metal.
- b. Cornice, eaves: Boxed cornice, rake boards, narrow overhang, cornice return on the west facade.

C. Description of Interior:

Interior is inaccessible.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: The building stands between River Road and Main Street, on the east side of River Road facing west and the west side of Main Street facing east. A narrow alleyway is on the north and south sides, enclosed with a wall on the east side. A wooden retaining wall on the west separates the building from the road. Across Main Street on the east are similar two-story wooden structures.

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PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey in cooperation with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation and the Chinese Historical Association of America. The recording project was completed during the summer of 1979 under the general direction of John Poppeliers, Chief of HABS; Kenneth L. Anderson, Jr., Principal Architect; John P. White, Project Supervisor (Texas Tech University); Pamela O. Chang, Architectural Foreman (University of California, Berkeley); with student architects William F. Hand (Auburn University); Clemson Lam (University of Hawaii); Gregory C. Tung (Yale University); and David G. Virgil (Carnegie-Mellon University), at the HABS Field Office in Sacramento, California. The drawings were edited in the HABS Washington office in January 1980 by staff architects William Graham and David Marsh. The written data was edited by staff historian Jan Cigliano during January-March 1980.

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